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Our Case No. 10200-82

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Artur E. Balasinski et al. )  
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For SCHEME FOR IMPROVING )  
PREDICTABILITY AND/OR )  
RELIABILITY OF )  
PHOTOLITHOGRAPHIC IMAGES )

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

## In the Specification

After the title and before the first line of the application insert the following:

## --RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority from U.S. provisional application Serial No. 60/142,298, filed July 2, 1999.--

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